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## **09/26/2013 Minutes**

### **Arlington Open Space Committee Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** September 26, 2013

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**Present:** Ann LeRoyer, Jane Auger, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, Leslie Mayer, David White

**Absent:** Teresa de Benedictis, Lisa Decker, Michele Hassler, Patsy Kraemer.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with minor corrections.

**Town Day** went well. We shared a booth space with the Land Trust, and also shared tables and materials with the Conservation Commission.

**Maps:** Jane reported that some people were asking for maps showing Arlington's open spaces. We should have one for next year. Should it be free or not? If free, how could it be financed? Vision 2020 used to sell (for \$2) a large map of Arlington which included open spaces, but these maps are all gone. The Town website has maps, but are they up-to-date? The maps from the Open Space report are also on line, but only small sections of on-line maps can be printed out.

**Census Survey 2014:** Open space will be one of the topics. The questions we want to ask need to be submitted in priority order because there may not be space for all. The master planning process will also include questions, but more people may respond to the census survey. Joey brought copies of questions asked in previous surveys, and we discussed what new questions should be asked and which old ones repeated to see if the answers differed now. Ann will do a draft, circulate it for comments, and submit it to the Vision 2020 Standing Committee, which is preparing the survey and mailing. Both the old questions and discussions in the master planning process to date indicate that residents want more open space, but that does not seem feasible in such a built-up community. Making existing open spaces better known and utilized would help, as would better access, including handicapped access, and parking. Space is needed for non-competitive activities as well as team sports.

**Park and Recreation Commission:** Leslie reported that the Hibbert playground and the North Union spray pool will be the next projects for capital improvements. A survey of access for the disabled at all facilities is also planned.